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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION FOR TURKEY

1. THE SENATE VOTED FOR ADJOURNMENT AS OF 4:00 P.M. EDT AUGUST 10. THE HOUSE FOLLOWED SUIT AS OF THE END OF THADAY. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL TELEPHONED UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AUGUST 10 TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION (PD) IN LIGHT OF THE EARLY ADJOURNMENT. THE UNDER SECRETARY AGREED TO LOOK INTO ESENBEL'S QUESTIONS AND CALL BACK.

2. HABIB, AFTER CHECKING WITH THE WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS AND THE DOD, TELEPHONED ESENBEL AND MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WORK ON THE PD WAS NOT COMPLETED IN TIME TO REACH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONGRESS BEFORE IT RECESSED.

B. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO FORWARDING A PD WHEN THE CONGRESS IS NOT IN SESSION, PRECEDENT AND PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO THE CONTRARY.

C. EVEN THOUGH THE PD WILL NOW NOT BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HILL UNTIL CONGRESS RECONVENES AUGUST 23, THE DELAY WILL

NOT BE CRITICAL.

D. THE DOD HAS ASSURED US THAT LETTERS OF OFFER (LOA'S) COULD BE WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER 23 CONCLUSION OF THE 30-DAY WAITING PERIOD SO THAT ONLY FINAL SIGNATURES WOULD BE NECESSARY AFTER THAT DATE.

E. WE WOULD NOT TRY TO SAVE TIME BY SUBMITTING THE PD TO THE HILL WHILE CONGRESS WAS NOT IN SESSION BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID CONGRESSIONAL ATTENTION, CREATING A NEGATIVE REACTION NOT IN THE INTEREST OF TURKEY.

3. DOD THIS MORNING (AUG 11) INFORMED THE TURKISH DEFENSE ATTACHE THAT LOA'S COULD BE SIGNED IN EITHER ANKARA OR WASHINGTON. ROBINSON

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